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**Trail Creek Pipeline**  
**Range Improvement Project**

Environmental Assessment (EA)  
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**A: Description of the Proposed Action:** The proposed action is to authorize the construction of a pipeline across BLM within the Dagnall Unit allotment.

*Trail Creek Pipeline:* Authorize the construction of the pipeline across a ½ mile of BLM administered land in T4N R55E section 20 S1/2N1/2SW1/4 (see proposed pipeline route map) within the Dagnall Unit Allotment (#01137). The pipeline would begin at a private well. The portion of public land that the pipeline will cross is approximately 2,850'. No stock water tanks would be placed on BLM land. The permittee would be responsible for all funding, materials and labor. The pipeline will be plowed (ripped) in at a depth of 5 to 6 feet. Contractor will pre-rip the line, and then come back one final time, rip and lay the pipe in the trench. The pre-rip is necessary so the contractor will know where large boulders or rock ledges are. If the equipment cannot pull through these areas the contractor will come back with the backhoe and break through these areas to achieve proper bury depth. At these areas disturbance will be 15 feet wide. Total disturbance along pipeline route will be approximately 4 feet wide except at points where apertures are installed. Re-vegetation of the disturbed area would be expected to occur over a period of time. A cooperative range improvement agreement would be signed prior to construction and the permittee would be assigned all future maintenance of the pipeline.

Timing restrictions from December 1 to March 31 would be enacted for the protection of big game winter range; and April 15 to July 15 for the protection of migratory bird nesting and brood rearing activities.